

# ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1858

PREACHER TURNED POLITICIAN.

We observe that the Democracy of the sixth Congressional District have nominated Mr. Wm. Howard, of Batavia, for Congress.—The announcement of his name results to mind an anecdote.

Years ago Mr. Howard occupied the honorable office of a Methodist preacher. How he ever got into the sacred desk, deposit not but, so somehow or other Howard got to be a Methodist preacher. His ministrations were not very highly esteemed, but that was't his fault—he did the best he could—Howard got ambitious, however, and wanted to be thought a very smart man. How to produce an impression among his brethren was the question.

At last he devised an expedient, which he thought could not possibly fail him.

He was appointed to preach at Quarterly Meeting and he determined to dazzle his ministerial brethren with such a display of eloquence that his position would ever afterwards be secured. To this end he took the very prudent precaution of getting another man to write his sermon for him, and in looking about him for a suitable person, he could think of no one better qualified than the old Democratic champion Tom Hamer.—Now Tom could write a splendid speech; there was no manner of doubt about that—but the quantity of religion he could get into it was like the darky's pie after the thunder storm was over,—“mighty causin’.” Nevertheless, Howard asked Hamer to write his sermon, and the latter very blandly consented. In due time the sermon was prepared and Howard set about “getting it by heart.” It was eloquently written as everything that Hamer tried himself on, and Howard was so completely carried away by the sounding words, and high flown figures that he never noticed what they meant.

At last the eventful day came. Howard, fully loaded with his sermon, and ready to go off at half past, mounted the pulpit and fled away. Before he had delivered a word, however, fluttering and buzzing commenced among his audience, and long ere he had finished, blank dismay was depicted on every countenance. The ministers were called together as soon as the sermon was over, and poor Howard, instead of receiving the congratulations he was expecting, was summoned to answer the charge of heresy! He was perfectly astounded, and indignantly denied the charge; but his sermon was at once called for, and it was clearly shown from the well thumbed manuscript that he had been preaching the most objectionable form of Unitarianism, and other doctrines condemned by Methodists as almost as bad as downright infidelity! Howard did not know what to say,—the sermon was evidently full of all manner of heresies—and the only excuse he could offer was that he did not know any better.—The conference thought that the excuse would hardly pass muster, when coming from a preacher, and he was accordingly turned out of church.

He at once plunged into law,—after a while turned up in the Legislature,—and now wants to go to Congress.

### JOHN CHINAMAN.

THE WAY HE FIGHTS.—A correspondent writes:

I have seen the arms used by the Chinese in the fight at the storming of the port at the mouth of the Pei-Ho. The first sight of them shows the utter helplessness of this vast Empire of 250,000,000 of population, when it comes into contact with European science and arms, and discipline, on the battle field.

They remind me of the scenes of my boyhood when all the lads of my country village were armed with wooden guns, furnished with wooden locks and flints, which could snap if they could not fire.

They are ignorant of the rifle, the percussion cap, and even of the flint, once used in its place.

The gun is a matchlock, and of such horrid dimensions and weight, as to need wheels to carry it instead of their own shoulders.

It is almost impossible to raise and level it, such is its weight,

and often another man, steering before it who loads and fires, bears the end of the gun, upon his shoulder, in the hasty consciousness that if the enemy chooses to kill him instead of the soldier at the other end of the gun, he is innocent of any man's blood, and could not but be.

And those matchlocks! they are worthy of a place in any antique museum.

Atmosphere would the old Knights Templar of Malta start up again, should these matchlock guns be placed in the gallery beside their armor. The matchlock is cumbersome fairly in keeping with the barrel and stock; some inflammable material, which is kept burning, takes the place of a flint in a common gun, and coming down like the tail of a comet when the tedious process of loading is completed. Then there is the spear not to be used by the hand in fight, but slender and armed with an iron point, and fired with rockets. Then comes the battle-axe, not heavy, and easily wielded by the hand, but useless except in close combat, and then powerless compared with the sword and the bayonet.—Their canons are either sunk in the earth, and permanently levelled, or else mounted on carriages which provide for no elevation or depression of the guns, or else make it so slow and difficult that after all the carriage is useless. In the attack on the fort, one of the steam gunboats came within range of the guns, and received several shots. Very strangely and unlike a soldier and a gentleman, as John Chinaman thought the Englishman did not chose to remain in range, and *prost!* with a puff of steam was out of the reach of their guns though almost touching their nozzles.

I INVITE CITIZENS and strangers to call at my manufactory No. 141, King street, between Washington and St. Asaph streets, and examine my large and handsome assortment of SADDLERY GOODS, and do not intend to be surprised in my line of business, by any other city. I have on hand and am daily manufacturing as fine and superior an assortment, as can be found in any of the Northern cities. My stock comprises as great a variety as can be found in any other house, consisting of HARNESS, of all kinds, from the full girth work down to the drag, cart, and plow Harnesses, TRUNKS, of every kind, fine SOLE LEATHER, Steel Spring Iron frame Ladies TRUNKS AND BONNET BOXES, and all other kinds down to the common packing Trunks; STAPLES, BRIDLES, MARTINGALES, WHIPS &c., as fine as the best; Buffalo and fancy ROBES, DRIVING GLOVES, HORSE COVERS, CARPET BAGS, VALICES, &c. &c. of all kinds. Call and see for yourselves.

Thankful for the very liberal patronage heretofore extended, solicit a continuance of the same, and I pledge myself to spare no pains to give satisfaction. All GOODS warranted to be as represented.

WM. F. PAPGETT.

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WASHINGTON STOVE POLISH.—Prizes

awards were given for this article by the World's Fairs at London and New York, and by the American Institute. Such is its reputation, that numerous counterfeits are in market. None genuine unless the name of Jas. L. Seubing is on the Label.

25 SEP. H. L. GREGORY, No. 115 King-st.

SILVER PLATED WARE.—Forks, Spoons,

SALT Cellars, Casters, Cake Baskets, Canisters, Snuffers and Trays, Soup Ladles, Mugs, Pitchers, Waiters, Urns. These are well made and will give satisfaction. FOR SALE

DAENT INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS,

English Sheepskin Rugs, Parlor Door Mats, Outside Mats of Cocoa, Jute, Manila, Alcant and Rope, for sale by

JOHN OGDEN.

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### AUCTION SALES.

BY S. J. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER.

THE STEELE'S SALE OF A LARGE AND VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.—By virtue of a deed of trust from S. S. Masters and others, bearing date the 1st of April, 1857, and duly recorded in Alexandria, Fairfax, counties, the undersigned will, at 11 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1858, in front of the Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexandria, sell at public auction, the following valuable real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the debt secured by said deed, viz:

In the County of Alexandria.

No. 1. A LOT OF GROUND ON the East side of Union street, beginning 50 feet south of Queen street, and extending thence South with Union street, 60 feet more or less, to the line of the adjoining lot (Corner of Mainstreet's), and extending east into the Potomac River.

No. 2. A THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING AND LOT OF GROUND

ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KING STREET, BEING 25 FEET EAST OF THE NORTH SIDE OF KING STREET, BEING 24 FEET 9 INCHES, AND EXTENDING BACK 100 FEET TO A 12 FEET

LOT.

No. 3. A LOT OF GROUND IMMEDIATELY IN THE REAR OF NO. 2, on the north side of the 12 metrical, fronting on said alley about 22 feet 5 inches, and extending back northerly about 64 feet 3 inches.

No. 4. THE NORTH HALF OF THE SQUARE OF GROUND bounded by Washington, St. Asaph, Wythe and Pendleton streets.

No. 5. A LOT OF GROUND on the south corner of King and Patrick streets, extending thence west on King street 25 feet, and extending southerly 100 feet to a 10 foot alley.

No. 6. A BRICK TENEMENT AND LOT OF GROUND on the north side of Cameron street, beginning 50 feet to the west of Washington street, and running thence west on Cameron street, 40 feet, and extending northerly 64 feet, more or less, to the late formerly Thompson's.

No. 7. A LARGE FRAME WAREHOUSE, WITH A KEEP AND LOT OF GROUND on the east side of Union street, between Queen and Cameron streets. Fronting about 50 feet 7 inches on Union street, and extending into the Potomac river. Said Lot is bounded by a 20 foot alley on the south and Lot No. 1 on the north.

No. 8. A LOT OF GROUND on the north side of Union street, and running also on the side of Cameron street, and bounded by the Potomac river, which is designated as No. 1, on the opposite side of the town of Alexandria.

In the County of Alexandria.

No. 9. A TRACT OF LAND containing about 5 acres, near the Poor's House in Alexandria.

No. 10. A TRACT OF LAND containing about 44 acres, called “Boulden’s,” in the County of Alexandria, near the Poor’s House.

Improved with a comfortable FRAME DWELLING, (The Slave Yard on this property, 100 square yards) with the right of way thereto, is reserved to others.)

In the County of Fairfax.

No. 11. A TRACT OF LAND containing about 20 acres in the County of Fairfax, on the Middle Turnpike Road, about two miles from the City of Alexandria, bounded on the east by said Turnpike, and west by the old Leesburg Road, on the north by the lands of P. H. Hood and others, on the south by the lands formerly of Kell and Snowden. A more particular description of the said property will be given at the sale.

TICKETS OF SALE.—One-third the purchase money in cash, and the residue in three equal installments at 4, 8, and 12 months from the day of sale, the deferred payment to bear interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bonds of the purchasers, and a deed of trust on the premises.

FRANCIS L. SMITH, Trustee, J. L. L. KINZER, Esq., and others.

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TERMS OF SALE.—Those who have received their FALL SUPPLIES of the above articles, to whom may invite the return of dividends.

TEA, TEA!! TEA!!

HIGLEY, HAMPTON & CO., Wholesalers in LIQUORS, have for sale a large stock of Imported, American and Domestic liquors.

SPICES FOR HICKIES—Cloves, Allspice, Cinnamon, White Mustard, Black Mustard, Coriander and Caraway Seeds, and Cinnamon, Ginger, Turmeric, and Ceylon Seeds. For sale by

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